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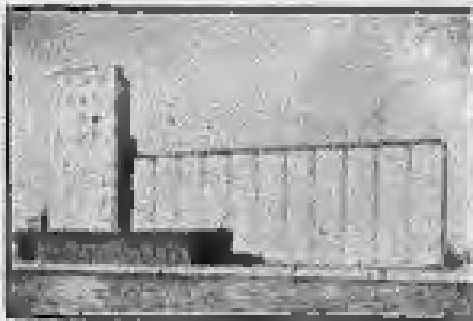
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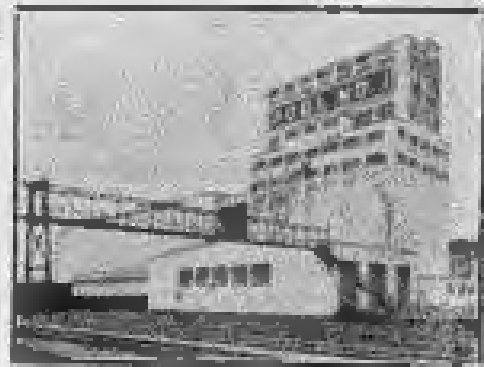
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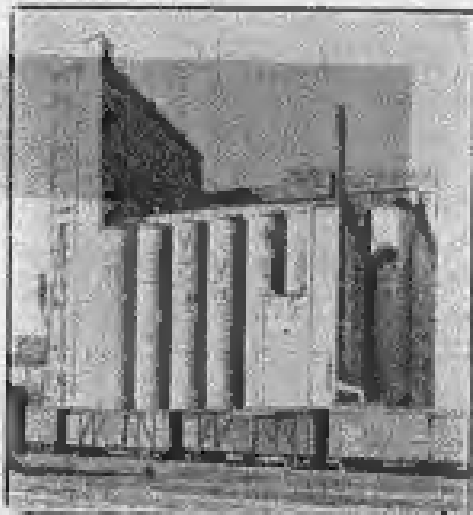
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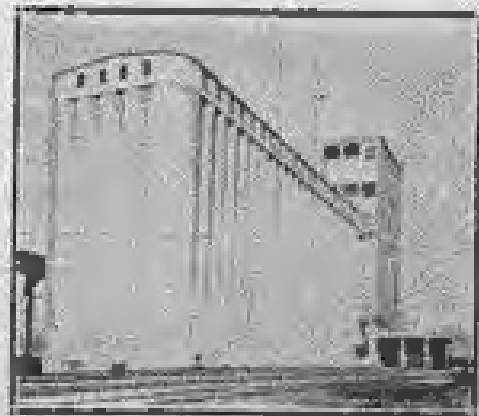
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EDITORIAL

HON. VERNON W. SMITH

In the death of Hon. Vernon W. Smith, the Government, the Province, and the movement suffer a great loss. He was a very successful administrator who contributed much to the efficiency of the public service; and his rehabilitation of the northern railways before their sale took place added substantially to the price which the Province was enabled to obtain. His courtesy was unswerving, and his kindness undemonstrative but sincere. We deeply regret his passing.

TOWARDS A NEW ECONOMIC ORDER

The formation of the Co-operative Commonwealth Federation marks a distinct advance towards the creation of a powerful force of organized citizens from Coast to Coast, pledged to do what may be in their power to lay the foundations of an economic order based on new principles. The Conference at which federation was accomplished is described in detail elsewhere. It may prove to be historic. For the first time in Canada, upon a nation-wide scale, there is a genuine breaking away from old moorings; and a rapidly increasing demand for fundamental social reconstruction.

As "Free Lance" points out in the *Alberta Labor News*: "The very fact that a federation of existing

political groups, and not a new party, was the outcome of the Conference, ought to convince the most sceptical that no merging of parties or adulteration of loyalties is intended." On the other hand, the federation does mean a drawing together for action throughout the West, and shortly we believe throughout the East also, of organizations which, having vital aims in common, can make a general appeal for the support of the electors.

THE PRESS AND THE EDMONTON CONFERENCE

No event in the recent history of the farmers' movement in Alberta has aroused such general interest in Canada, or been the occasion for such extensive comment in the press as the recent U.F.A. Conference at Edmonton. The attitude of the press varied from strong hostility, as in the case of the *Mail and Empire* and the *Financial Times* and several other Eastern papers, the *Calgary Herald* and *Edmonton Journal* and some others in the West, temperate criticism in the *Calgary Albertan*, to cordial endorsement of the ten point program by the *Alberta Labor News*, and quite a number of the town weeklies. The *Albertan*, however, appears to have regretted the fairness of its balanced comment on the Edmonton Conference, for the next step towards national co-operation of the new social forces, the convening of the Farmer-Labor gathering, was the occasion of an attack that can be accurately described as beneath contempt.

For some days the U.F.A. Conference commanded almost as much space in the editorial columns of some Eastern papers as did the Imperial Conference at Ottawa. The formation of the new Federation in Calgary will arouse even wider interest.

Governments and municipalities and most business concerns are making drastic reductions in their expenditures on useful and necessary services in the interests of so-called "economy." In many cases this is unavoidable, but it is no cure. In a social sense every step towards "economy" which means a reduction in the purchasing power of the great mass of consumers, is like the step of a man in a bog whose struggles to free himself merely expedite his final submission.

CANADA IS ONE

"On the Continent, and in most agricultural countries, I see little hope of preventing a collapse unless there is a drastic writing down of debts."—Dr. Henry Clay, Professor of Social Economics, University of Manchester.

NEWS OF THE ORGANIZATION

Activities of Locals and District Associations and Information from Central Office—Focus on Co-operation

Co-operative Committee's Bulletin

Co-operative Organizations along the lines of the Coronation plan are steadily coming into being. Lacombe, Stony Plain and Okotoks-High River constituencies have been added to the list in the past month. In addition to these three a district association to be known as the Milo District U.F.A. Co-operative Association has been formed, comprising five Locals. Other areas are taking up the idea. We are making progress. Each new organization will increase our pooled purchasing power.

HOLLAND TWINE

The results of the work done last year are very apparent. In spite of the keenest competition our Co-operatives and Locals have rolled up the orders for Holland twine to such an extent that the business in hand already well exceeds that of the 1931 season. Every day brings fresh evidence of the loyalty and sound business sense of our members in many parts of the Province.

Some Locals have been influenced to place their orders through other agencies which have quoted prices so low as to leave no margin between wholesale and retail price to enable the Local to pay the costs of distribution, the dealer obviously relying on some other source of revenue to make good.

We suggest to our readers a number of considerations which we think should have weight with any farmer who is thinking beyond the immediate money outlay.

By directing your business through your own organization you are building something for the future which will be your own. Your Co-operative Committee has made this connection for the purpose of saving you money and our members have not had as good an opportunity to put revenues in the hands of their association for many years.

Such keen willingness on the part of competitors to give you service is due to the work of your own organization in this field. What guarantee would you have that the same service would be continued if we were to vacate the field?

Our only hope of getting a real service from any large manufacturer or distributor lies in our ability to deliver to them such a volume of business that it will be worth their while to disregard other channels of distribution. The longer we are satisfied with making small bargains in a small way, the longer we shall be in riding ourselves of the enormous burden of over head which the system of supposed free competition has piled on the back of agriculture in Western Canada.

LUBRICATING OILS

Your committee is not encouraging the bringing in of tank cars of lubricating oils for the harvest and winter season. It is not expedient to enumerate all the reasons here. We find, however, that it is not easy in many localities to raise an order exceeding 5,000 gallons. Then, too, more than three grades are sometimes required. There is also the risk involved in striking a cold snap at the time of shipment, and in addition the fact that farmers engaged in harvest operations cannot afford to wait for hours or make a second trip to town for unloading.

We are therefore organizing co-operative shipments of drum cars of between 60 and 65 drums. All grades can be shipped in either full, half or quarter drums, together with drums and cases of greases. We are setting the price at a reasonably low figure which leaves a safe margin to swell our patronage dividend at the end of the quarter.

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It will be of interest to our members to know that we no longer find it necessary to boost the quality of Red Head oil or of Holland twine.

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FUEL OILS

The number of points being served by the trucks of the Great West Distributors is steadily increasing. During the lull of summer operations stocks have accumulated and rapid service can now be given to large areas of the Province in tractor horsepower, distillate and gasoline.

COAL

It may seem unreasonable to mention coal at this time. We wish to point out, however, that considerable money can be saved by taking delivery in August and September. Mine operators are making it worth our while to buy during these months because it enables them to build up their organizations ready for the peak load in October and November.

Write Central Office or see your Local secretary or Co-operative trustee.

U.F.A. Constituency Co-operatives

Stony Plain U.F.A. Co-operative Association have ordered a carload of Holland twine.

Blackie U.F.W.A., Cayley U.F.A., Okotoks U.F.A., High River U.F.A. and Brant U.F.A. Locals comprise the Okotoks-High River U.F.A. Co-operative Association.

The new Milo U.F.A. District Co-operative Association has chosen the following trustees: Wm. Oiler, Queens-town, David B. Sims, Vulcan; M. Monner, Milo; R. Hedman, Vulcan; Chas. J. Northcott, Milo; V. J. Bertrand, Milo; Mrs. C. F. Noble, Vulcan; W. Herman, Milo, R. H. Shore, Milo, and Mrs. M. Monner, Milo.

Trustees of Lacombe District U.F.A. Co-operative Association, Ltd., are as follows. (Name of Local in brackets): J. Mansell Smith, Alia, (Alia); W. R. Schmidt, Blackfolds, (Blindman Valley); F. E. Hawkins, Bentley, (Chapel); W. R. Hill, Clive, (Eclipse); T. F. Roberts, Lacombe, (Lakeside); Jas. Spink, Lacombe, (Lincoln); B. E. Williams, Clive, (Long Valley); W. S. Roper, Mirror, (Mirror); W. J. Barnes, Blackfolds, (Progressive); R. G. Dentman, Rimby, (Rimby); E. C. Sherburne, Clive, (Satinwood); G. W. Hand, Lacombe, (Spring Valley); A. B. Haarstad, Bentley, (Sunset); R. M. Haskins, Clive, (Westling); A. B. Haarstad is president, J. Mansell Smith, secretary, and T. F. Roberts manager.

SPECIAL SESSION OF ASSEMBLY URGED

On page 22 of this issue appears an account of action taken by the U.F.A. Executive in urging the calling of a special session of the Legislature to make farmers' past indebtedness payable in wheat at a set price.

The Executive met on August 1st and 2nd. Owing to delay in publication of this number, in order to include an account of the proceedings at the Farmer-Labor conference, it was possible to include also a brief summary of the Executive meeting held after our usual date of issue.

Hon. Vernon W. Smith Dies Suddenly from Heart Failure

U.F.A. Minister Gave Great Service to Province

We deeply regret to record the sudden death of Hon. Vernon W. Smith, Minister of Railways and Telephones in the Alberta cabinet, who succumbed to heart failure almost instantly, shortly after 5 o'clock on July 19th, as he was loading his car at his home in preparation to join his family in a holiday at Pigeon Lake. As he was carrying implements to the car, he was seen by Dr. Chatham, who lives next door, to stumble and fall. The doctor ran to his assistance, but found that he was already beyond help.

The loss of a Minister who combined high administrative capacity with a most attractive personality and kindly and courteous disposition has been universally

deplored. He was returned by substantial majorities in succeeding elections.

Of a retiring nature, he spoke seldom in debate, but when he did, in brief speeches dealing with the affairs of his departments, he showed a close grasp of the details of his departments, and clear understanding of their problems. Under his direction the northern railways, which in 1921, were in a deplorable condition of disrepair and inefficiency, were placed after the Government took control upon a sound basis as to operation and maintenance. That they commended, when they were sold subsequently, a much higher price than had anywhere been anticipated, was undoubtedly in large measure due to the improvement which had been effected while they remained under his direction. The telephone department likewise has always been carried on in a most business-like manner under his direction.

Besides his widow, formerly Miss Lily Bury, Mr. Smith is survived by five children, Georgina, 14, Norma, 12, Betty, 10, Margaret, 8, and McBride, 6.

The funeral took place at Edmonton, on Friday, July 22nd, from First Presbyterian church to the Edmonton cemetery. It was attended by the Premier and Cabinet and members of the public service and representatives of the U.F.A., and by large number of men and women from every walk of life. The service was conducted by the Rev. Dr. Roxborough.

Premier Brownlee's Tribute

"Mr. Smith has been one of our most valued Ministers, and was largely instrumental in the tremendous advantage reaped by the Province in the sale of the northern railways, which brought the Province \$25,000,000. He was a very wise counsellor and an extremely able business man. I had asked him to accept the portfolio of Provincial Secretary and that of Minister of Industries, and his appointment would have followed very shortly. His sudden death was a tremendous shock."

High tributes to the late Minister were paid by President Gardiner, and also by all leaders in the Alberta Legislature.

Dewberry U.F.A. (Joint) Local are making progress, reports Harry Wood, secretary. They have had some interesting meetings. They co-operated with Ethelwyn, Greenlawn, Riverton and Hazelbine Locals in arranging a rally at Dewberry on July 28th.

"On the 19th of July Norman F. Priestley, Vice-president of the U.F.A., who was accompanied by Mr. John Fowles, U.F.A. Director for Medicine Hat District, addressed a well-attended meeting at Irvine," writes J. E. von Schmidt, secretary. "Mr. Priestley dealt with the present conditions, its likely causes and the probable remedies of the distress which is still on the increase, not only in country but in town and cities.

The speaker stressed the value of organization and co-operation which were the only means to combat the evils of the present day. The hearty vote of thanks which was tendered Mr. Priestley showed how much the people who attended the meeting appreciated his talk. Mr. Fowles dealt with the work of the organization and with the difficult problems which face the same.

U.F.A. Rally to Be Held in Drumheller on August 13th

**The Day's Program—Brownlee, Gardiner,
Gosland, Priestley and Woodworth
Will Speak**

As the first major event in a campaign of organization to be launched throughout the Province by the U.F.A. during the fall, a farmers' rally to be addressed by five outstanding speakers will be held in Drumheller on Saturday, August 13th. The rally is being held in response to an unanimous invitation from the City Council and Board of Trade of that city. Invitations were received from Mayor Hanley and D. E. R. Ewer, President of the Board, immediately after the appearance in our last issue of the announcement that the Edmonton U.F.A. Conference had decided to carry on a large scale campaign for membership throughout the Province, and were accepted by the Executive. All farmers whether members of the Association or not are invited to attend.

President Robert Gardiner, Premier Brownlee, E. J. Garland, M.P., representative of Bow River Federal constituency, Norman F. Priestley, Vice-president, and J. S. Woodworth, President of the recently organized Co-operative Commonwealth Federation, will be the principal speakers of the day.

The rally will be held in the spacious Drumheller Arena and it is anticipated that there will be a large attendance of farm people throughout the day. Arrivals will begin, it is expected, in the morning, and there will be a get-together and basket luncheon at the Midland Auto park in the shade of the trees at noon. There are facilities for bathing, of which many of the visitors will no doubt take advantage.

The program will commence in the Arena at 2:30 and will be continued until 5, when there will be an interval for the visitors to do any business they may have to transact in the city. The evening program will commence at 7:30. If possible amplifiers will be installed. Music will be provided by a local orchestra.

The Mayor and Board of Trade are arranging reception committees to meet the speakers and others, and every effort is being made to provide for the convenience of those who take part in the rally. Councillor Charles Burnham will be chairman of the civic committee, and President Ewer of the committee of the Board. A floor in the new wing of the Whitehouse Hotel has been reserved for speakers and officers.

While a large attendance is expected from the farm areas in the Drumheller district, arrangements have already been made for parties to travel by car from more distant points. Several Locals in the Calgary District will be represented at the gathering.

A special enlarged edition of the Drumheller Mail has been issued by A. F. Key, Editor, in preparation of the occasion, and copies have been distributed to farmers of the district inviting them to accept the invitation of the Council and Board of Trade.

Further large rallies at suitable points throughout the Province will be held after the harvest season.



THE HON. VERNON W. SMITH

deplored, and many tributes to the late Minister have appeared in the public press.

Mr. Smith was born on February 17th, 1864, the son of John Smith (Scotch) and his wife Amelia Gay (English) in Prince Edward Island. He was educated at Charlottetown and came West in 1882. He was engaged for 20 years on public contracts such as railroad construction and irrigation, and was connected with Foley, Welsh, Stewart and Co., for nearly twenty years, and had charge of the office and organization work of that company in British Columbia during the construction of the G. T. P. in that Province. In 1914 he bought a farm in the Camrose district, where he went to live. He took a keen interest in all agricultural affairs, being president of the U.F.A. Local and of the Camrose Agricultural Society. In 1921, as a U.F.A. candidate in the general election, he defeated Hon. George P. Smith, and was selected by Premier Greenfield for the portfolio of Railways and Tele-

The Calgary Herald and the U.F.A. Manifesto

And the Views of Some Eminent Bankers and Economists—Capitalism and Twentieth Century Bourbonism

By the EDITOR

Capitalism is unfortunate in some of its apologists.

For instance, after training upon the U.F.A. and its elected representatives its heaviest artillery of trite sarcasm, and sheer misstatement of the aims and purposes which the organized farmers in this Province have sought to attain, the *Calgary Herald*, in a recent editorial on the Manifesto of the Edmonton U.F.A. Conference, comes to the defense of the existing financial and economic system. It does so with arguments which many of the principal defenders of the system have long abandoned; which leading British Conservatives have discarded; and which only the Bourbons of capitalism would seek to maintain today.

It was a Bourbon who was reported to have declared, when faced by the prospect of collapse of the old feudal order: "After us, the deluge!" The more far-seeing of the defenders of modern capitalism are wiser.

The *Herald* appears to regard the abandonment of the gold standard (which the U.F.A. proposes) as a step towards financial ruin. It is just as insistent upon the virtues of gold as were one or two of Canada's bank presidents when they were called to give evidence in 1922 at the Parliamentary Inquiry into financial problems which the Labor and U.F.A. members had been the means of instituting. Since then, however, many things have happened. The financial system which seemed so firmly established has become insecure. Reparations, which in those days were regarded as sacred and only the Farmers and Labor dared to attack in Canada, have gone; at least, it is now quite certain that they will never be paid, and the *Herald*, ten years late, agrees.

A Repentant Sinner

As with reparations, so with gold. A great change of opinion is now beginning to take place. Even Lord Beaverbrook is with the heretics, and soon their views will have ceased to be heretical. Winston Churchill, who as Chancellor of the Exchequer in a British Conservative administration, sanctioned a return to the gold standard some years ago, has come to the penitent form, and confessed that what he did was done at the bankers' behest and that the bankers were wrong. Has not the *Herald*, which writes so disparagingly and airily of "U.F.A. theorists," heard of the speech delivered by Mr. Churchill a few weeks ago, when, he declared, as reported in the *London Daily Herald*, June 16th, "Gold is the cause which has stifled the traffic of our railways, put out the blast furnaces, quenched enterprise, thrown millions out of employment in every land . . . subjugated every form of human effort and depreciated every service we can render one another."

But Mr. Churchill, who does not pretend to be an economist, and who as Chancellor merely followed the usual practice of taking orders from the banks, is not alone. John Maynard Keynes is an economist. He was the adviser of the

British treasury at Versailles in 1919, and predicted at that time, very accurately as events have shown, the course which the economic malady would take. He also predicted that Mr. Churchill's policy of deflation, banker-dictated, would bring the results which in fact it did bring. This is what Mr. Keynes writes in "The World's Economic Crisis," a very instructive book published this year, containing a series of lectures by half a dozen leading British economists. (Mr. Keynes is writing of Britain's departure from the gold standard in 1931):

" . . . there has been a still recent and in my judgment, most blessed event, of which we have not yet had time to gain the full benefit. I mean Great Britain's abandonment of the gold standard. I believe that this event has been charged with beneficent significance over a wide field."

An Insecure Currency System

The *Calgary Herald* is contemptuous of the "economic savants" of the U.F.A. who have not depended for their knowledge of economic history upon the propagandist literature of the banks. But here are the views of a banker—Sir Basil Blackett, K.B.E., K.C.S.I., Director of the Bank of England, as expressed in the book to which we have referred above:

"In view of what we have done with currency and what currency has done with us in the last twenty years, we are all of us fit for the lunatic asylum. If many currency experts go mad, it is the natural result of their coming face to face with the insanity of the monetary systems with which man has tortured himself ever since he passed from barter to money. Money was meant to be a yardstick with which to measure the value to be put on commodities and services in process of being exchanged for each other, but throughout the ages man has never been able to devise a monetary yardstick which did not at one time measure on inch and at another a hundred or more inches."

Yet it is the statesmen who have been in charge of the world's affairs while the world has been getting into its present difficulties, whom the *Herald* is alone willing to trust at the helm today. Because they have piloted the ship of state dangerously close to the rocks, they are obviously the only statesmen who can be trusted at the helm. Mr. Keynes is less trusting. He writes:

"Can we prevent an almost complete collapse of the financial structure of capitalism? With no financial leadership left in the world, and profound intellectual error as to causes and cures prevailing in the seats of power, one begins to wonder and to doubt."

"The Gold Mentality"

Let us turn to another economist, Professor Edwin Cannan, who, in the *London Times* of recent date, attributes financial errors of the past and present to what he describes as "the gold mentality." Professor Cannan has not been

a very great heretic, yet his argument leads to the conclusion that even as a basis for foreign trade gold is becoming shaky. It is not gold, it seems, that is the long run determinant of the exchange value of currency. "Theory and practice both teach," he states, "that the long run value of paper currency depends not on budgets, balance of trade, nor on exchange speculation, but on their internal purchasing power." He adds that this internal purchasing "can be regulated as easily as, or rather more easily than, that of any other monopolized commodity." To quote the *New English Weekly*, "Our congratulations are due to Professor Cannan on being the first 'expert' to remark that King Gold has nothing on."

If only the British electors could have heard Professor Cannan instead of Ramsay MacDonald in the election campaign of 1931, perhaps the result might have been slightly different. For it was Mr. MacDonald who, waving an ancient German paper mark before his audiences, told them, that if they did not vote for a Government pledged to keep the country on the gold standard and balance the budget by imposing new burdens on the poor, the British pound would repeat the history of the old German currency.

The *Calgary Herald* dismisses with a shrug the proposal made by U.F.A. Members that the dollar be brought nearer than it is today to the exchange level of Australian and Argentine currency, or, at any rate, to parity with the British pound sterling. Yet it is a matter of common knowledge that the depreciated value of the Australian pound and the Argentinian currency has been of the very greatest benefit to the wheat producers of those countries and has placed them in a superior position to that of the Canadian exporters. Mr. Bennett talks of "unfair Russian competition," but allows the Canadian wheat grower to labor under a much more serious handicap by unfairly maintaining the dollar at a high level. A single illustration will make the matter clear. At the time when the price of wheat in Canada, Fort William basis, was about 63 cents, the corresponding price of Australian wheat in Australia was three shillings and three pence. At the par basis of exchange, this would be 78 cents in Canadian currency, a price which might well, in these days of depression, make the Canadian farmer envious. There is a similar situation today in both Australia and the Argentine. The *Herald* forgets to pass this information on to its readers.

"Economy" Anti-Social

May we touch upon one of the *Herald's* own specialties, "economy?" It is a strong advocate of the cutting down of spending power. It has even been carrying on an "economy" campaign. Mr. Keynes has this to say on this subject:

"An economy campaign, in my opinion, is a beggar-my-neighbor enterprise, just as much as competitive tariffs or competitive wage reductions, which are perhaps more obviously of this description. . . . Thus, whenever we refrain from expenditure, whilst we undoubtedly increase our own margin, we diminish that of someone else; and if the practice is universally followed, everybody will be worse off. An individual may be forced by his private circumstances to curtail his normal expenditure and no one can blame him. But let no one suppose that he is performing a public duty in behaving in this way. An individual or an institution or a public body, which voluntarily and unnecessarily curtails or postpones expenditure"

(Continued on page 78)

"The Co-operative Commonwealth Federation"

New National Movement Launched at Calgary Conference on August 1st Challenge to Existing Social Order—"Of Far Greater Importance to the Future of Canada Than the Imperial Conference at Ottawa"

By the EDITOR

To challenge the existing social order and to lay the foundations of the Co-operative Commonwealth, a Federation which from the beginning embraces the leading Farmer and Labor organizations in the four Western Provinces and in the near future is likely to cover every Province in Canada, was brought into being on August 1st, at a Conference in the Labor Temple, Calgary.

The launching of the new movement, to quote J. S. Woodsworth, M.P., is "of far greater importance to the future of Canada" than the Imperial Economic Conference now in session at Ottawa; for while the Ottawa Conference is seeking to restore prosperity by adding a few patches to the disintegrating system of capitalism, the object of the Federation is fundamental social reconstruction.

The chosen name of the Federation, which will bid for power in the next general election which some observers believe may be in near prospect, is "The Co-operative Commonwealth Federation." In the meantime a vigorous campaign will be carried on from Coast to Coast, U.F.A. representatives in Parliament joining with leading men and women in other Canadian Farmer and Labor bodies, in an effort to rouse the people to the urgent necessity for the democratic organization of the forces of citizenship as a means to the transformation of the economic order.

Expresses U.F.A. Purpose

President Robert Gardiner, M.P., who with the U.F.A. Executive, participated in the day's deliberations, expressed full approval of the name selected for the Dominion-wide organization—a name which expresses the purposes of the U.F.A. itself as this has been defined by successive Conventions of the Association. At the same time the identity of the U.F.A. and all its functions as an organization of Alberta farmers and farm women remain intact, and, as Mr. Gardiner indicated in the message to the membership of the Association published on page 9, it will continue to carry on, and with undiminished vigor, all the tasks in which it is now engaged, including the political, and it will extend its activities as far as may lie in its power.

The decisions of the Conference will be referred to the various member organizations for ratification, and in the meantime the U.F.A. will become in the larger field of Dominion affairs an integral part of the Federation, acting with the Federation in a national way.

E. J. Garland, M.P., was the Conference chairman.

Mass Meeting Precedes Conference

The birth of the new national movement followed a mass meeting held in the Legion Memorial Hall on the evening of July 31st, when Mr. Gardiner, J. S. Woodsworth, M.P., and Alderman M. J. Caldwell, of Regina, leader of the Farmer-Labor party formed in Saskatchewan during the last week in July, delivered stirring addresses to an audience of more than 1,300 people who filled the hall to capacity long before the opening hour, while several hundreds were unable to gain admission. Speeches delivered on

that occasion, boldly setting forth the need to establish an economic and social system based upon new principles and a new plan, met with an enthusiastic response as to leave no shadow of doubt as to the earnest desire of those present for great and vital change.

In his address in the mass meeting, President Gardiner reviewed the decisions of the Association on the major problems of economic reconstruction as expressed in U.F.A. Annual Conventions from year to year, and outlined the program adopted in accordance with those decisions at the recent Edmonton U.F.A. Conference. The 1931 Manifesto had contained a clear declaration to the effect that the goal of our movement is the attainment of the Co-operative Commonwealth; he hoped that means of co-operation with other social units to that end would be found. It was the desire of the the Association to join in co-operation not only with Labor but with other groups also with this end in view.

Page Tribute to Woodsworth

The President paid a high tribute to Mr. Woodsworth. He knew, he said, of no more sincere man in public life; and he had devoted himself completely to the service of the masses of the people at all times. Mr. Gardiner recalled the fact that time and time again predictions which had been made by members of the Labor and Farmer groups, as to the course of economic and social and political change, had been fulfilled—as in the case of war reparations, the cancellation of which had been forecast in Parliament by Mr. Woodsworth and U.F.A. members ten years ago, at a time when to suggest even the possibility of their cancellation was to be denounced as lacking in patriotism. Yet within the past few weeks, cancellation had been virtually achieved, with the general approval of world opinion.

It had been said that farmers could never co-operate with Labor because farmers were "capitalists." If farmers were capitalists, Mr. Gardiner remarked, it was in virtue of what they OWNED and not in virtue of what they OWNED. Their chief possessions were debts.

Society Has No Choice

"I would rather be a member of this Conference in Calgary, which has as its aim the co-operation of Farmer and

Labor groups, than of the Imperial Conference at Ottawa," stated Mr. Woodsworth. "It is of far greater importance to the future of Canada. The old-line parties are planning for prosperity along the same old lines, but prosperity is not going to come that way. . . . Governments in the past have been but the mouthpieces of the financiers and industrial captains, though followers of the parties did not realize it. It becomes certain now that any Government which tries to bolster up the present system is doomed to defeat. Society has no choice; it has been shoved over the brink. Any man who stands on a public platform and says he can solve unemployment under the present system is either woefully ignorant or deliberately lying."

Battle of Rising Generation

M. J. Caldwell, President of the Farmer-Labor party of Saskatchewan, who followed Mr. Woodsworth, declared in part: "We are fighting the battle of the rising generation, and if bonded interests, mere pieces of paper, hitherto held inviolate, conflict with the future and welfare of our young men and women, then the cause of humanity must come first and the bonded interests go under."

At the Conference which took place on the day after the mass meeting, the choice of the name of the Federation occasioned considerable discussion. Several names were suggested but a large majority was recorded for the one finally chosen, as it was felt that this was all inclusive. It had the full approval of the U.F.A. delegation.

Officers Elected

To the position of President of the Federation the Conference unanimously elected Mr. Woodsworth, whose courage, eloquence, force and ability and unswerving devotion to principle have gained him a national reputation. Norman F. Priestley, Vice-president of the U.F.A., whose efficient and loyal service to Alberta farmers through their primary organization has won increasing recognition throughout the Province, is the elected Secretary. A Provisional Executive of seven members, who are given power to add to their numbers in order that all the Provinces may be represented, was elected, and will form, with the President and Secretary, the National Council of the Federation. A permanent Executive will be elected at the first annual conference of the Federation to be held in Regina next year.

BASIS OF FEDERATION

The basis upon which the various units in the Federation will co-operate was set forth in a brief document of six paragraphs, drawn up by a joint committee of Farmer and Labor representatives and adopted unanimously after amendment by the Conference. By the acceptance of this plan of co-operation the constituent organizations retain their

identity, but agree to collaborate upon a national scale for the purpose of gaining power to undertake the fundamental economic and social reconstruction to which each unit, by the decisions of its own conventions, has been committed. Recognition is given to the fact that each organization is bound by its own program, and also to the still more important fact that upon vital matters there is unity of purpose.

The document in which the character of the Federation is defined, is in the following terms:

1. A Federation of organizations whose purpose is the establishment in Canada of a Co-operative Commonwealth in which the basic principle regulating production, distribution and exchange, will be the supplying of human needs instead of the making of profits.

2. The object of the Federation shall be to promote co-operation between the member organizations and to correlate their political activities.

3. We endorse the general viewpoint and program involved in the socialization of our economic life, as these have already been outlined and accepted by the Labor, Farmer and Socialist groups affiliating.

4. Organization—

(a) A Provincial Council in each Province composed of representatives of each member organization.

(b) A Dominion Council composed of a President and a Secretary appointed by the Annual Convention, and a delegate appointed by each member organization.

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5. We recommend that an annual affiliation fee of twenty-five dollars (\$25) be paid by each member organization and that a national appeal be made for voluntary subscriptions.

6. The name of the Federation shall be "THE CO-OPERATIVE COMMONWEALTH FEDERATION (Farmer, Labor, Socialist)."

Proposed Program

While the basis of the Federation is laid down in the six clauses given above, and the member organizations will be committed only to their terms the Conference went a step further in adopting after discussion a suggested program upon which the member organizations might be asked to agree. In general the U.F.A. is committed by the decisions of successive Annual Conventions of the Association to almost every detail of the program.

The proposed program is as follows:

1. The establishment of a planned system of social economy for the production, distribution and exchange of all goods and services.

2. Socialization of the banking, credit and financial system of the country, together with the social ownership, development, operation and control of utilities and natural resources.

3. Security of tenure for the farmer on his own land and for the worker in his own home. ("Use land"—land used for productive purposes; by implication no such guarantee is given to the land speculator. —Editor.)

4. The retention and extension of all

THE NATIONAL COUNCIL

President, J. E. Woodworth, M.P.

Secretary, Norman F. Priestley, Provisional Executive. George H. Williams, past president, U.F.C. (Saskatchewan); J. Queen, M.L.A., Winnipeg; Mrs. B. Latham, Edmonton; A. R. Mosher, Ottawa, representing the Canadian Brotherhood of Railway Employees; William Irvine, M.P., Wetaskiwin; Angus McInnes, M.P., Vancouver; (Labor); and Mrs. V. Lucas, president of the Women's Section of the U.F.C. (Sask. Section).

The Executive was elected on the recommendation of a nominating committee of which Mr. Gardiner was chairman.

existing social legislation and facilities, with adequate provision for insurance against crop failure, illness, accident, old age and unemployment during the transition to the socialist state.

5. Equal economic and social opportunity without distinction of sex, nationality or religion.

6. Encouragement of all co-operative enterprises which are steps to the attainment of the Co-operative Commonwealth.

7. Socialization of all health services.

8. Federal Government should accept responsibility for unemployment and tender suitable work or adequate maintenance.

In respect to clause 4 above, it may be pointed out that insurance against crop failure has not been called for by the U.F.A. Convention and this is not a matter of U.F.A. policy.

Groups Represented

Among the various groups represented at the Conference, were the United Farmers of Alberta, the Canadian Labor Party and the Dominion Labor Party, Alberta branches; the United Farmers of Canada (Sask. Section), Independent Labor Party and Co-operative Labor Party of Saskatchewan; the Independent Labor Party of Manitoba; the Socialist Party of Canada (British Columbia), and the All Canadian Congress of Labor, whose headquarters are in Eastern Canada. Miss Agnes Macphail, M.P., who had planned to be present as a representative of the Ontario farmers, was unable to attend.

The U.F.A. Executive were present in full strength, while among other officers and members of the Association and U.F.A. members of the Federal Parliament and the Alberta Legislature who watched the proceedings, some of them participating in discussions, were G. G. Coote, M.P.; E. J. Garland, M.P.; William Irvine, M.P.; Donald Cameron, M.L.A.; M. J. Connor, M.L.A.; W. H. Shield, M.L.A.; and J. M. Wheatley, Director for Bow River.

Several members of the United Farmers' delegation from Saskatchewan while en route to Calgary by car, met with a serious automobile collision at Beiseker on the day preceding the Conference, and on the afternoon of the Conference, still suffering painfully from broken bones and other injuries and severe shock, they obtained their doctor's permission to sit in at the proceedings. Their arrival was a signal for cheers. Relief that the injuries had proved less dangerous than had at first seemed prob-

able, and admiration of the courage which had inspired the delegates' action in leaving a sick room to make their contributions to the decisions of this historic conference, were the mingled emotions which evoked this applause.

The members of the Saskatchewan farmers' delegation who suffered injury in the accident when two cars collided at an intersection, were A. J. Macaulay, President of the U.F.C. (Sask. Section), and Mrs. Macaulay, who sustained severe bruises and shock and some lacerations; George Williams, Past President of the organization, one of whose legs was almost torn off, while a number of ribs were cracked; F. Herman, Vice-president, who sustained two large scalp wounds; Frank Elison, Secretary, fractured ribs and head wounds and other injuries. The injured members of the party were attended to at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Priestley, and returned home two days after the Conference. Joseph Schmaltz of Beiseker, a farmer well known in the U.F.A., in which himself and his sons are active, who was driving the other car in the collision, sustained head wounds, cracked ribs and a dislocated shoulder and is now in the Calgary general hospital. His injuries were very severe but he is now out of danger.

Executive Plans Campaign

Immediately following the close of the Conference a meeting of the Provisional Executive was held and preliminary plans were made for the carrying on of a campaign of organization in various parts of Canada. It was decided that Messrs. William Irvine, M.P., and A. R. Mosher should undertake a campaign in Ontario and New Brunswick, while organization in Nova Scotia will be undertaken by E. J. Garland, M.P.

The Executive endorsed a resolution passed by the Western Labor Conference expressing disapproval of the reduction in ex-soldiers' relief payments by the Federal Government, and submitting "that had reductions in national expenditure on account of war been necessary, they should have been made on the bonded interest and indebtedness of the Dominion," while it was further submitted "that to reduce the payments to disabled veterans and their dependents and at the same time to maintain the payments of interest free of income tax is but additional evidence of the Government's failure to place human necessity before the privilege of vested capital."

SECRETARY



NORMAN F. PRIESTLEY

Secretary of the U.F.A.

Why Capitalism Must Go—Now

"The capitalist system is tottering. Unfortunately we cannot be entirely detached because we are affected in the common smash. . . . The difficulty of the system is how to consume the goods which the system is able to produce. The greatest danger in the world from the system is the danger that the only means of consuming these goods to an adequate extent is by another WORLD WAR." —Lord Marley, in the British House of Lords, June 22nd, 1932.

A Nation-wide Movement to Achieve the Co-operative State

by THE PRESIDENT



The economic condition of the farmer, whether in the Province or in the Dominion as a whole, is worse than it was a year ago, and notwithstanding the prospect of fair crops the outlook for the future is not bright. Practically all agricultural products are still being sold at a price which is below the cost of production. Unemployment is increasing, bankruptcies continue to be numerous, and fear

of the future is the prevailing attitude of mind amongst the masses.

Bearing in mind these conditions, a Conference, representative of the various branches of U.F.A. activities, was held in Edmonton on June 29th and 30th to consider the situation. There was a division of opinion as to the ability of the present economic system to survive the depression. Some protest believed that we would have at least one more era of prosperity. This difference of opinion is to be found amongst the people in all walks of life, and is not confined to the farmers alone.

Immediate Relief Required

First hand information from all over the Province was available as to the seriousness of the situation. It was recognized that immediate relief was essential, and further, that such relief could be most quickly brought about by a policy calculated to increase price levels, more particularly of primary products. A properly controlled policy of inflation would assist considerably towards this and would at the present time be of valuable assistance. If the Dominion Government could be induced to take action along these lines, boldly departing from precedent in monetary policy as Great Britain did a year ago in the face of a national crisis, it could make a greater contribution to the restoration of the farmers' purchasing power than by any of the measures that have up to the present been suggested at the Imperial Economic Conference at Ottawa. British statesmen did not hesitate to abandon the gold standard when the needs of the country demanded such action. Canadian statesmanship should be not less courageous; for there never has been a time in the history of our country when the need for quick and effective action to relieve the economic life of the Dominion from paralysis was so great. Unless the price levels of agricultural products are substantially increased it will be impossible for the farmer even to pay the interest on his liabilities.

Fundamental Social Reconstruction

The Conference in Edmonton recognized, however, that any benefit to be derived from the patching up of the present system can be only temporary. It is

therefore necessary to concentrate our efforts upon the major task of laying the foundation of a new economic system. Only by the establishment of a new economic order whereby the fruits of human labor can be distributed equitably will it be possible to keep in continuous operation the means of production with which we have been endowed by modern science and technology. To effect this transformation is our chief task. Its accomplishment will bring to our own and future generations a rich reward in social well-being for there never has been a time in the world's history when the opportunity for the masses to obtain economic independence and enjoy an abundant life has been so great as it is today. To seize that opportunity requires only intelligence and united action.

This is a task that we as a farmers' group cannot accomplish alone, even if our industry be organized efficiently, not only in Alberta, but from Coast to Coast. We must be prepared to co-operate with other social units who suffer today as the result of the breakdown of the economic system. Many such units, as firmly convinced as ourselves of the necessity of social reconstruction, have long been organized. They are now rapidly gaining strength. The conference made a definite offer of effective co-operation with such organizations. Co-operation involves continuous consultation and co-ordination of effort. It involves action not only on a Provincial but on a Dominion-wide scale, for it is only on such a scale that co-operating groups can make a bid for power to bring about the fundamental changes in the economic system upon the necessity of which they are agreed. In order that people of the Dominion may be able to identify the various groups as parts of a great national movement, it is desirable that the nation-wide movement shall be known under a single national name.

I write on the eve of a Conference in Calgary at which a definite effort is to be made to establish co-operation between all units committed to a policy of social reconstruction, and to choose such a national name. I am very hopeful of success. I am quite confident that this result will be achieved without prejudicing in any way the particular activities in which the U.F.A. is now engaged. The identity of the Association, and the name under which for a quarter of a century it has carried on all the functions of a primary organization of Alberta farmers, will be preserved.

Robert Gardiner

President

(The decisions of the Calgary Conference, reached after the above message was written by President Gardiner, are described elsewhere.—Editor.)

ALBERTA WHEAT POOL SECTION

The Second Effort

Alberta Wheat Pool and Pool Elevators Outline Policies for Coming Crop Year

Alberta Pool elevators will be operated during the coming crop year in exactly the same manner as was followed during the crop year which has just passed, that is to say, that these elevators will be operated under public license, free to receive delivery of grain from any grain grower, and that Pool members will be given the option of disposing of their grain under any of the methods provided by the Canada Grain Act and obtaining the full market price for same or of disposing their wheat on Pool basis, accepting the prevailing initial payment and participating in any future payments which may accrue from the pooling thereof. Any portion of a member's grain may be pooled or any portion sold outright for cash.

Definite assurance is given that no deductions for elevator reserve, commercial reserve, or for repayment to apply on the 1929 overpayment will be taken from the proceeds of any grain delivered for pooling or for immediate sale during the 1932-33 crop year.

It is just a little over a year ago, on July 16th, 1931, that the Alberta Pool reached the decision to modify growers' contracts in order to permit them to sell on the open market. This step necessitated a re-organization of the Pool system, the establishment of an Alberta Wheat Pool sales agency and the conducting of a vigorous campaign to obtain large handlings for Pool elevators. It will be a matter of considerable gratification to all supporters of the co-operative movement to learn that the Alberta Pool was successful in its endeavors and its elevator system handled a volume of grain second only to the banner crop year of 1928-29.

The situation has been placed squarely before the membership. It has been frequently pointed out that the adherence of the membership to the Pool elevator system was the only means by which the debt incurred by the 1929 overpayment could be cleared away. The splendid response on the part of the members of the organization, together with the added volume of grain contributed by non-Pool growers, resulted in the Alberta Pool making real progress towards recovery during the darkest year of the current depression.

The Alberta Wheat Pool, through the aid of its splendid elevator system, has taken its first step in the direction of recovery and now is faced with the problem of a second effort. The objective for the coming crop year is to increase the handlings of the Alberta Pool elevator

system over that of the 1931-32 crop year, when approximately 42 million bushels of grain were delivered to these elevators.

The Pool financial year closed on July 15th, and it will be some time before a financial statement is finally complete. It has been definitely established, however, that the earnings of Alberta Pool elevators during the past crop year have been sufficient to take care of full depreciation on all properties and to provide for interest payment due September, 1932, on the amount owing to the Alberta Government. This is a real accomplishment in the face of exceptionally keen competition due to light crops in a considerable portion of the country.

The financial statement presented by the auditors as of July 15th, 1931, showed the Alberta Pool to have free net assets in excess of the liabilities to the Government of Alberta of approximately \$3,580,000. The statement at the end of 1932 fiscal year, when finally prepared by the auditors, will show a considerably improved position.

"The road back" is always the hardest one to travel. Just now the whole world is seeking for some highway which will lead humanity out of the swamps of depression. The Alberta Wheat Pool has found a way to extricate itself, has made considerable progress along the road to recovery, and only needs a continuance of the loyalty of the grain growers of the Province to give it further impetus in that direction.

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THE 1932 POOL

Wheat growers who desire to place any wheat in the 1932-33 Pool are advised that the amount of the initial payment has not as yet been determined and it will probably be August 15th before the figure can be definitely set. In the meantime wheat will be accepted for pooling on storage tickets, either special binned or graded, issued to the grower. Whenever initial payment is definitely fixed, cheques will be sent out for the settlements which have been held up during the interval. Any storage charges will be absorbed by the Pool from July 16th until the date the initial payment is established on any wheat held for pooling under definite arrangements, provided the head office has been advised by the shipper or our agent immediately following receipt of any such wheat for storage. Under no other conditions will such storage charges be absorbed.

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Abstract

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Charles D. White	St. Louis	1900-1901
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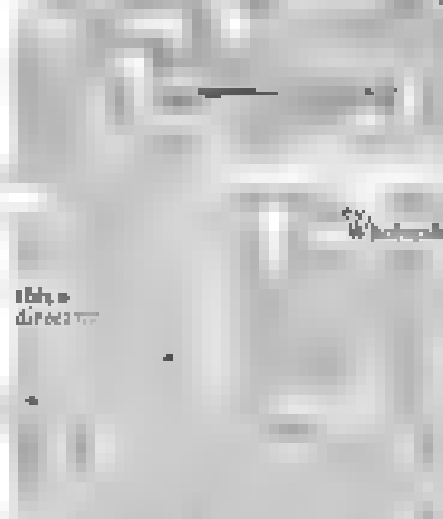
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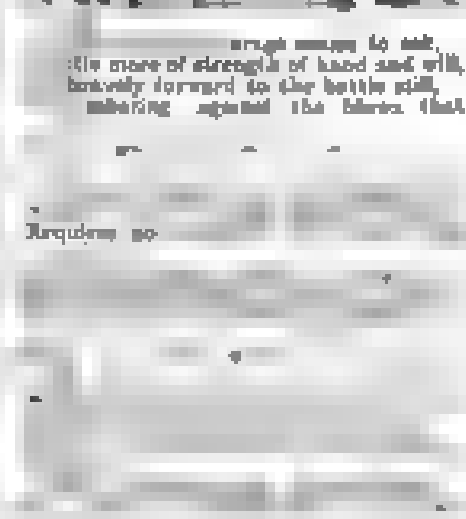


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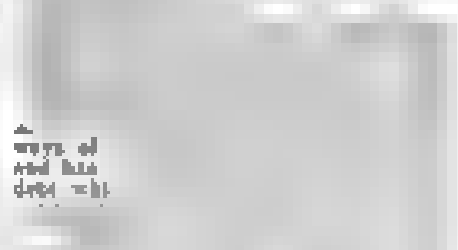
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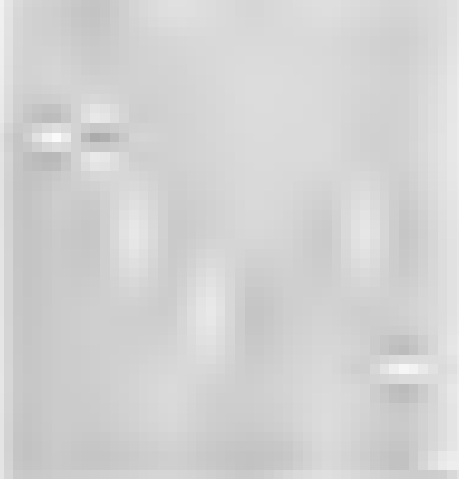
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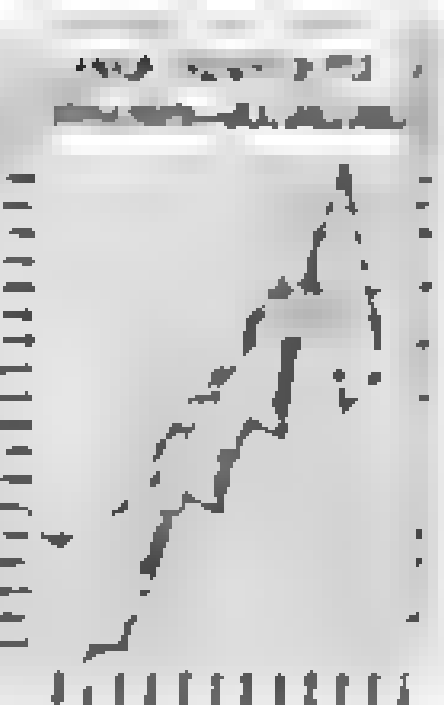
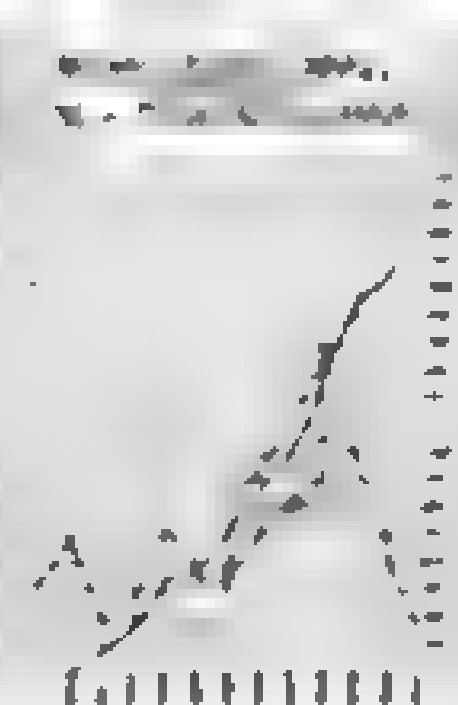
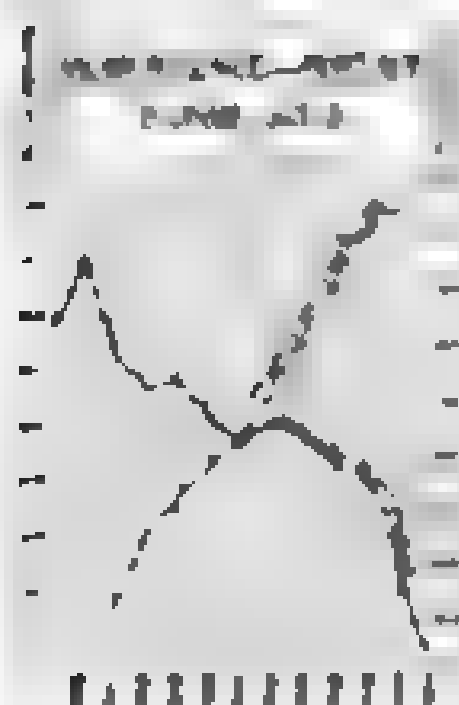
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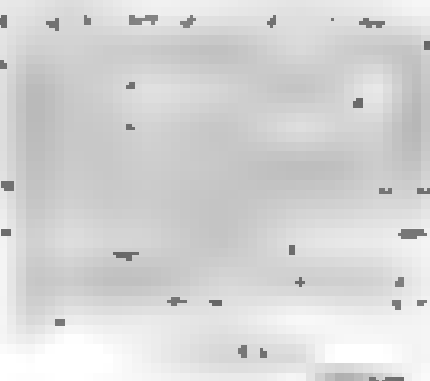
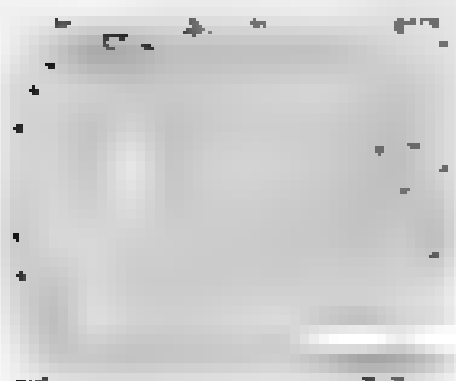


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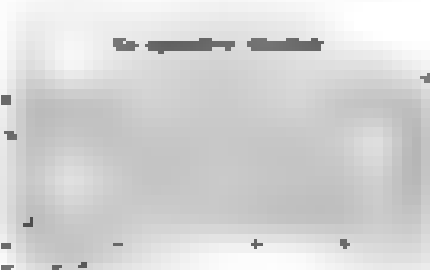
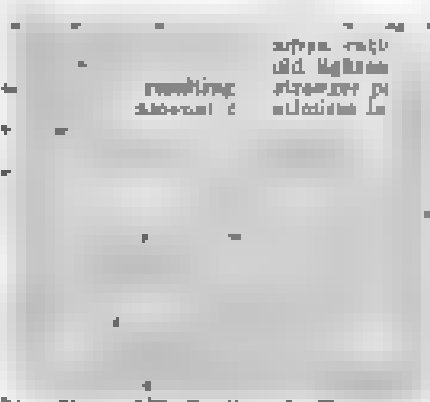
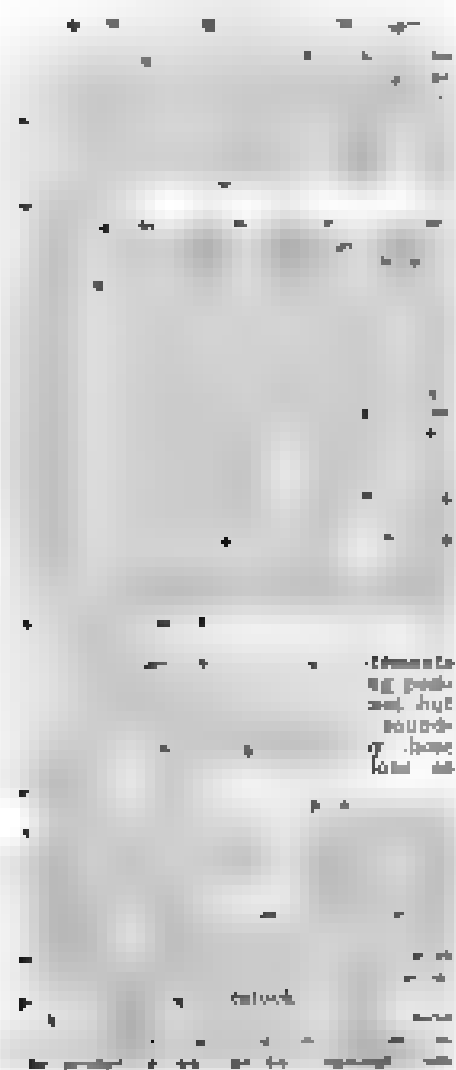
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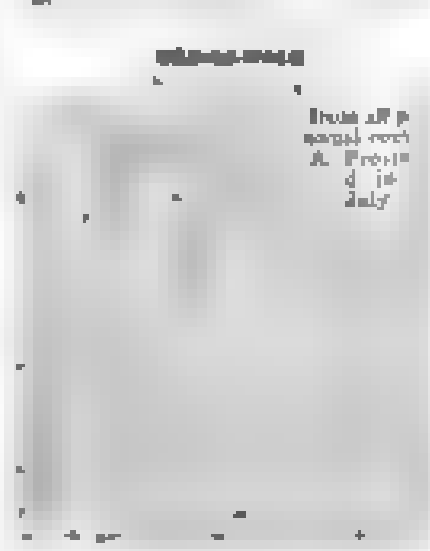
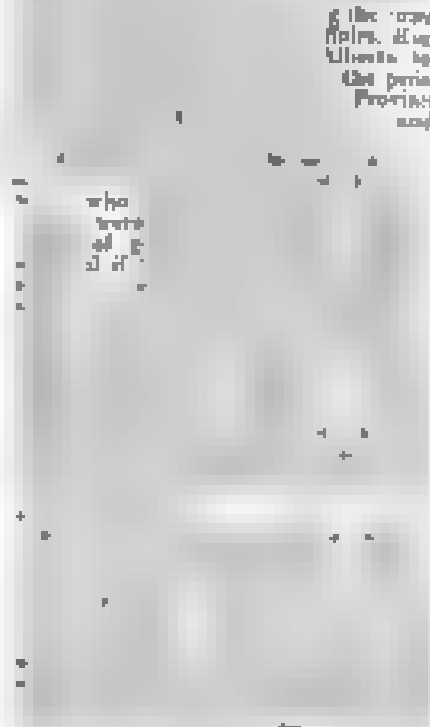
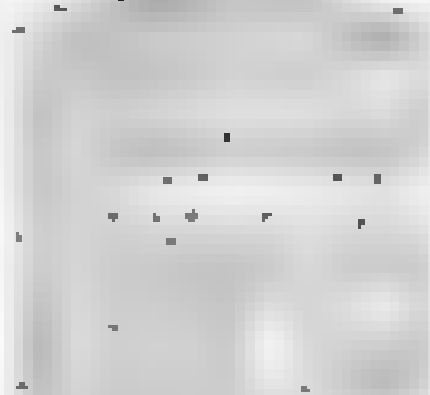
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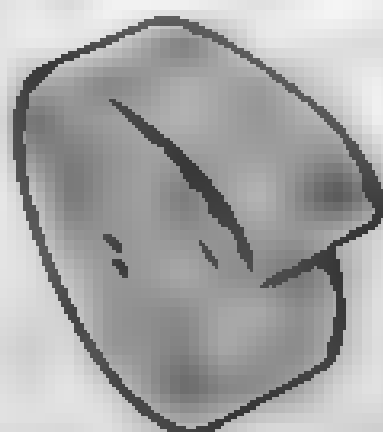
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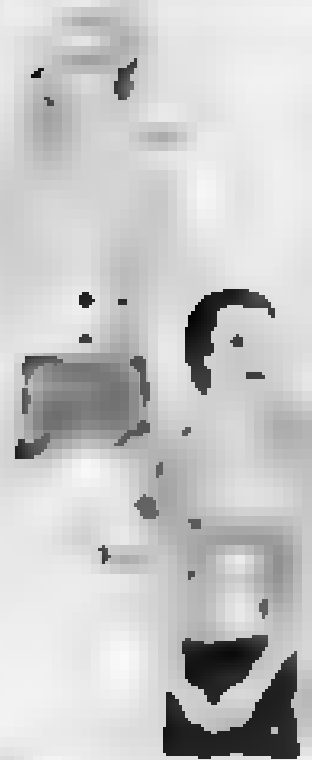
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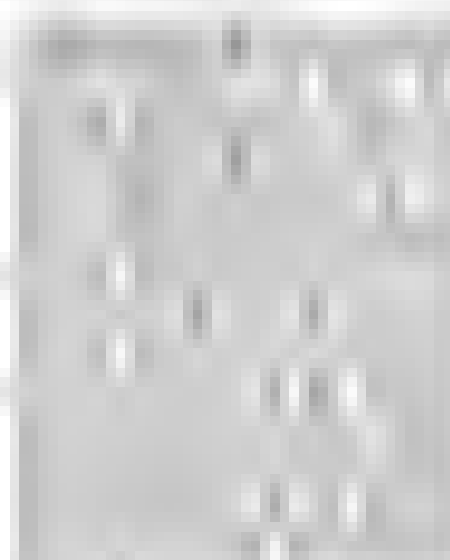
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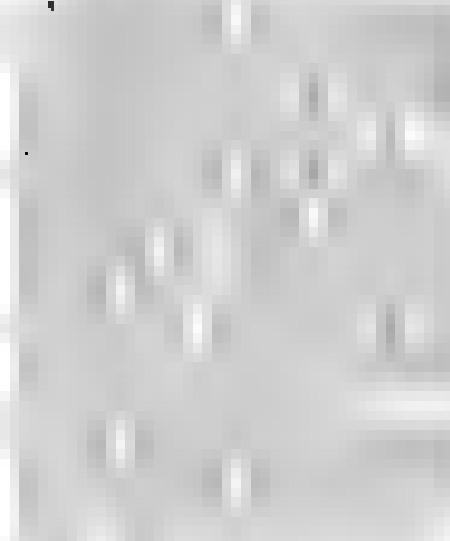
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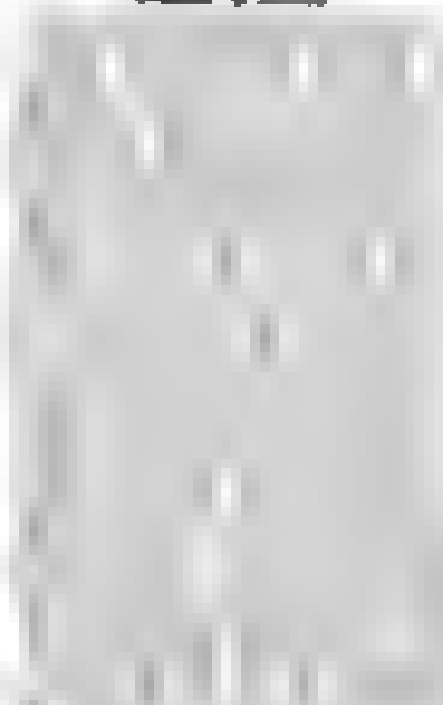
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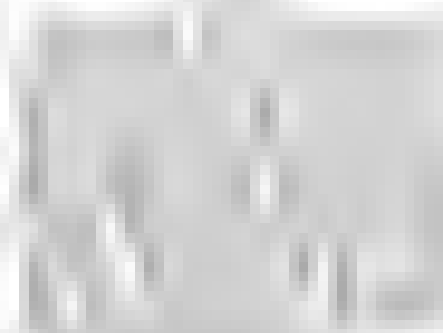
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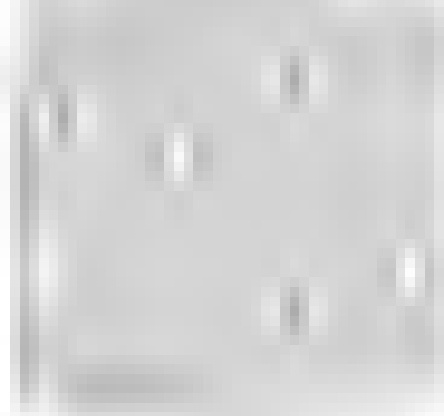
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COMING CONVENTIONS

Wainwright.—Provincial Constituency Association will meet at Wainwright on Monday, August 8th, commencing at 10 a.m. Mrs. Fontana, secretary, states that it is hoped to have addresses from Hon. George Hoadley and Mrs. Hephburn, Vice-president of the U.F.W.A., as well as the M.L.A. for the constituency, J. Russell Love.

Edgemoor.—U.F.A. Provincial Constituency Association will be held at Kewer Lake Pavilion, three miles northeast of Sunnyside on August 10th, commencing at 11 a.m. A. R. Claypool, M.L.A., will speak. It is suggested that delegates and visitors plan to take their families along, and bring a picnic lunch.

Red Deer Federal.—U.F.A. Constituency Association will hold their annual convention in the Royal Theatre, Innisfail, on Tuesday, August 16th, at 2:30 p.m. A. Speakman, M.P., will give an account of his political stewardship, states John Farrar, secretary, and President Gardner and W. T. Lucas, M.P., will also give addresses. A public meeting will be held in the evening, in the same hall.

SERVICEBERRY CONVENTION

By Mrs. Susan R. Barr

Some startling and unpleasant facts with regard to the extreme poverty of some farmers in the drought areas of the Province were revealed in the address of Mrs. J. C. Buckley, U.F.W.A. Director, to the meeting of the Serviceberry U.F.A. District Association, held in Tulsa, on July 18th. The efforts made by many of these farmers, to remain self-supporting and to refrain from asking for help, she said, may well be termed heroic.

Mrs. Warr, president of the U.F.W.A., lectured us with a comprehensive address on economics and our farm organization, she stressed the importance of the Junior work and gave a very interesting description of the Junior Conference held annually at Edmonton.

Ben Plumer spoke on the Wheat Pool in its relation to our economic system.

Much interest was shown in all proceedings by the large crowd of delegates and visitors. Among the visitors were Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Moorhouse of Cleveland. Mr. Moorhouse was awarded the gold medal and certificate of Master Farmer of Alberta in 1931.

Several resolutions were passed, one of which asked the Provincial Government to establish a uniform standard of farm wages for the harvesting and sheking of this year's crop.

Kinsmen's Cocones and Brightbank U.F.A. Locals gave a joint picnic on July 24th at the farm of Henry Summerfield, at Brightbank. The chilly day and intermittent showers, writes Walter C. Allen, a secretary, did not damp the enthusiasm of the two hundred persons in attendance. Donald MacLeod, M.L.A., gave a very interesting talk, and George Livingston gave an address on the banking system, which, with the aid of charts and maps, made the matter very clear to the audience. A ball game and sports were also greatly enjoyed.

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The writer goes on to say that upon the launching of the Five Year Plan, the exports of dairy produce were concentrated in the agricultural producers' organizations. The entire wholesale system of importing and buying the needs of retail trade from Soviet industrial enterprises was made the task of the Russian Co-operative Wholesale (Central) Society. "Today the Consumers' Co-operative system in Russia can boast 75 million members, or three quarters of the entire adult population; capital resources of £350 millions, of which £150 millions is share capital; and annual retail sales of £1,750 millions, or nearly 70 per cent of the country's retail trade."

Exceeds All Other States Combined

It may be stated that the membership of the International Co-operative Alliance, in which the British movement, the Canadian Co-operative Union, and Canadian producer co-operatives have membership, was less than 100 million when the last available figures were issued by the Alliance. The number of Russian members exceeds the number in all other states combined.

Integral Part of National Life

"The Co-operative movement in Soviet Russia," the *New Leader* states "is an integral part of the national economic life."

Here are the official returns of the growth of membership:

1913.....	2,000,000
1923.....	22,450,000
1929.....	32,429,000
1930.....	37,800,000
1931.....	55,013,000
1932 (Jan.).....	73,700,000

"At the beginning of this year, 95.2 per cent of the population above the age of fourteen in the towns belonged to the Co-operative Movement. In the rural districts 83.4 per cent belonged. It is estimated that before the end of this year 97,453,500 persons will belong to the movement. That will be 99.2 per cent of the population above fourteen."

86 Per Cent of Turnover

"One of the purposes of the Five Year Plan is to eliminate the private trade middleman. The task has not yet been completed, but it has gone far towards completion. . . . The Co-operative Movement accounts for about 65 per cent of the general turnover and state trading for 30 per cent. The growth in co-operative turnover is shown by the following figures:

Retail Trade (millions of roubles)

1929.....	1930.....	1931.....
7,636.....	9,009.....	17,485.....

"This turnover does not include co-operative restaurants, which in 1931 amounted to 3,400 million roubles. This gives a total of 20,885 million roubles."

Urban and Rural Restaurants

In 1930 there were 5,800 co-operative town restaurants, providing 4½ million meals a day; by July, 1931, there were 13,178 providing 12 millions. The number of restaurants for peasants and workers on the collectivized and state farms and at tractor stations was 5,671 in 1931, and there were 83,723 field kitchens providing 26 million meals daily. By the end of 1932 the nation's entire demand for bread will be supplied by co-operative bakeries.

"The wholesale purchases of the co-operative movement are mainly concentrated on agricultural produce and raw materials. The movement is perfecting the technical basis of the purchasing system in those respects, especially in the case of vegetables, fruits, milk, dairy products and eggs. In 1931 co-operatives purchased 700,000 tons of grain. The movement developed the organization of co-operative farms last year. . . . In co-operative dairy farms and producing farms there were 181,000 cows, 4,200 bulls, 84,400 calves, and 118,000 pigs."

Lord Passfield and Mrs. Webb Give Views

At the conclusion of a visit to the Soviet Union, Lord Passfield and his wife Mrs. Sidney Webb (who prefers not to be known by her title) issued a statement to the press which was published in whole or in part in the *Manchester Guardian* and other British newspapers. The statement was first published in English in the *Moscow Daily News* of which Dr. Anna Louise Strong, well known American writer, is one of the editors.

Lord Passfield was Colonial Secretary in the last British Labor Cabinet. He and Mrs. Webb are known as experts in public affairs who have influenced for several decades the decisions of successive British Governments—Liberal, Conservative and Labor. They are cautious and thorough investigators, and no one who knows anything of their record will question their qualifications as observers. We publish their statement below because a renewed attempt is being made in some quarters, notably in connection with the Ottawa Conference, to stir up old prejudices.

Recently the Southern newspapers, represented in Alberta by the *Edmonton Journal* and the *Calgary Herald*, have published a series of articles on Russia by their European correspondent which tend to create a not dissimilar impression upon many matters to that which is given by Sidney and Beatrice Webb.

No doubt the English authors in their more detailed writing may deal critically with many aspects of the Russian undertaking. But because hitherto it has been customary in so many quarters to hide all that is good and exaggerate all that is disagreeable, in present-day Russia, the judgment which they express below is of unusual interest.—Editor.

The Statement

"We have travelled 7,000 kilometers, from the Baltic to the Aral sea and from near the Caspian Sea to the frontier of Poland."

"We owe special thanks to the co-operatives and trade unions with whom we had long interviews everywhere, and attended some of their meetings at factories and elsewhere."

"We do not wish to express any judg-

ment except in general terms to the following effect. We are very much impressed by four leading characteristics.

1. Soviet Russia is a country abounding in hope and confidence more than any other nation at present.

2. There exists an immense amount of energy not merely in the government, but also among all people we have seen.

3. In all cities that we have visited we have been struck by the high degree of unity of purpose and unity of policy. In this also the Soviet Government is greatly distinguished from every other nation at present.

4. A very great advance has been made not only in industry, but also in universal education, and all principal elements of civilization. The intellectual avidity of the workers, both male and female, in every grade, is perfectly extraordinary. There seems an almost universal attempt to improve the educational and technical qualifications.

We cannot help feeling that the Soviet Union has discovered the secret of how to avoid the disastrous effects of the collapse of the capitalist system, which is manifested in the calamitous decline of production throughout the world. Soviet Russia is the only country in which production is steadily and rapidly increasing, and in which there is absolutely no unemployment.

We believe that this secret is the organization of all production not for profit but directly, in order to increase consumption. This involves placing the control of all production not in the hands of the producers, whether capitalists, or trade-unionists, but in the hands of the direct representatives of the consumers, both present and future, through consumers' co-operative societies and the government.

We are also very much impressed by the extent to which the national minorities have received autonomy, especially in regard to education, language, and local affairs. Soviet Russia is distinguished from all the rest of Eastern Europe by having practically no minority questions largely because no race is held to be inferior to any other race.

Position of Women

Mrs. Webb added:

It is a great satisfaction to me that women have complete equality with men are found in all occupations, and sometimes in very high positions, and that in the Soviet Union a woman teacher is not dismissed, as she is in England, when she gets married. At the same time her health as a mother is protected by her being given a leave of absence on full pay when she is bearing a child. The Soviet Union seems to have combined a maximum of freedom with a maximum of protection for the woman's health and the welfare of her children.

Here we found a woman in the position of director of the Park of Culture and Rest, with many men subordinated to her. This would be quite impossible in England. We have also seen a woman as the head of a school for both boys and girls. In England positions like that are held by men alone. We are also impressed by the large number of women employed in engineering work.

I very much admire the clothes of your young women in the cities. Though some of the dresses of some young ladies in Kislovodsk, where they are spending their holidays, seem to be far from Marxist Communist ethics, and the party ought to have a decree against painted lips, many girls still paint their lips in Soviet Russia.

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